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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) A device for recording pictures of a plurality of parcels continuously conveyed past the device in a conveying direction, wherein each of the parcels has a height and a surface containing distribution information, the device comprising:

a camera aligned perpendicular to the parcel surface to be recorded, wherein said camera includes a CCD sensor and a zoom lens with autofocus and a fast zoom adjustment drive as a camera lens having a zoom lens;

at least one sensor upstream of the camera, said at least one sensor measuring the height of the parcel to be recorded;

a control device for generating adjustment signals for the camera in dependence on the measured parcel height,

wherein the control device actuates the camera further includes a zoom adjustment drive lens actuated by the control device to maintain a consistent constant picture scale independent of variances in the measured heights of the parcels; and

at least two lighting devices arranged crosswise in the conveying direction to beam light onto the parcel surface at an angle to ensure that the parcel surface to be recorded is illuminated uniformly and without shadows.

3. (Currently amended) The device of Claim 2, wherein the camera further includes a zoom adjustment drive comprising comprises a linear motor to adjust the zoom adjustment lens.